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## **AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

Please amend page 2, the paragraph starting at line 8 as follows:

DE-A-200 01 582 DE-A-200 01 581 discloses a type of closure in which the end of a cut piece of an artificial sausage casing has been turned over in a region of 2 cm, pleated and closed with a yarn which connects to this turned over edge. Turning the skin over achieves a higher security against the knot slipping off.

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